

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method for creating a relief mold, the method comprising:
applying an image using an edible ink composition onto a substantially planar carrier, the image being disproportionate relative to an original version of the image; and
forming a three dimensional impression in the carrier to form a non-planar relief mold for a comestible material, such that the three dimensional impression formed in the carrier corresponds to a three dimensional representation of the original version of the image and wherein the image applied to the carrier is in register with the three dimensional representation.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a boundary of the image applied to the carrier is in register with a boundary of the three dimensional impression formed in the carrier.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein forming a three dimensional impression in the carrier to form a non-planar relief mold comprises:
creating a vacuum between a surface of a three dimensional non-planar model corresponding to a three dimensional representation of the original version of the image and a carrier and vacuum forming the carrier to the surface of the model.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the surface of the model is coated with a heat resistant, non-stick material.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
depositing a comestible material into the relief mold to substantially overlie the image;
and
removing the comestible material with the image applied thereto from the relief mold.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the image comprises a multi-color image.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the carrier comprises a thermoplastic sheet.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein applying an image onto a substantially planar carrier includes:
screen printing one or more colors comprising the image onto the carrier using one or more colors of the edible ink composition.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the edible ink composition comprises:
 - a) one or more viscosity controllers;
 - b) one or more film forming compounds;
 - c) one or more emulsifiers; and
 - d) one or more food grade colorants.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the edible ink composition further comprises one or more plasticizers.
11. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the edible ink composition further comprises one or more humectants.
12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the edible ink composition further comprises water.
13. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the edible ink composition is an aqueous edible ink composition comprising:
 - a) one or more viscosity controllers at about 65% to about 80% by weight of said aqueous edible ink composition;

b) one or more film forming compounds at about 0.6% to about 4% by weight of said aqueous edible ink composition; and

c) one or more emulsifiers at about 1% to about 12% by weight of said aqueous edible ink composition.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the aqueous edible ink composition further comprises a plasticizer at about 0.03% to about 0.4% by weight.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the aqueous edible ink composition further comprises water at about 13% to about 25% by weight.

16. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the aqueous edible ink composition further comprises a powdered ink.

Claims 17-33 (Canceled).

34. (Original) A method for creating a relief mold for a comestible product, comprising:

a) creating a three-dimensional model based on an original two-dimensional artwork, the original two-dimensional artwork including an outline and one or more colored regions;

b) printing an outline of the original two-dimensional artwork onto a substantially planar carrier;

c) vacuum forming the printed carrier to the three-dimensional model thereby forming a three-dimensional impression in the printed carrier at a location coinciding with the outline printed on the carrier thereby deforming the outline, where the three-dimensional impression formed in the carrier is a three dimensional representation of the original two-dimensional artwork;

d) measuring misalignment of the deformed outline to the three-dimensional impression and creating an adjusted two-dimensional artwork based on the original two-dimensional artwork and the measurements, the adjusted two-dimensional artwork including an adjusted outline;

f) repeating steps b through d where the adjusted outline is printed onto a carrier in step b, until an outline of an adjusted two dimensional artwork printed on a carrier substantially aligns with a three-dimensional impression formed in the carrier, where said adjusted two-dimensional artwork thereby forms a final two-dimensional artwork;

g) printing a colored image corresponding to the final two-dimensional artwork onto a carrier; and

h) vacuum forming the printed carrier to the three-dimensional model thereby creating a three-dimensional impression in the printed carrier that aligns to the colored image, where the three-dimensional impression forms a relief mold.

35. (Original) The method of claim 34, further comprising:
filling the relief mold with a comestible material.

36. (Original) The method of claim 35, further comprising:
removing the comestible material with the colored image adhered thereto from the relief mold.

37. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the carrier is a thermoplastic sheet.

38. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein printing a colored image onto a carrier comprises:

screen printing a colored image onto a carrier using an edible ink composition.

39. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein the edible ink composition comprises:

- a) one or more viscosity controllers;
- b) one or more film forming compounds;
- c) one or more emulsifiers; and
- d) one or more food grade colorants.

40. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein the edible ink composition comprises:

- a) about 73.3% by weight fondant icing sugar;
- b) about 0.8% by weight hydroxypropylmethylcellulose;
- c) about 2.9% by weight POLYSORBATE 60 and about 5.9% by weight lecithin;
- d) about 0.06% propylene glycol; and
- e) about 16.8% water.

41. (Previously presented) A process of manufacturing an edible comestible product with a relief mold created by the method of claim 1, comprising:

depositing an edible material into the three dimensional impression in the carrier so that the edible material contacts the edible ink composition applied to the carrier;

cooling the edible material in the three dimensional impression in the carrier; and

removing the edible material from the three dimensional impression so that at least a portion of the edible ink composition is affixed to the edible material.

42. (Previously presented) The process of claim 41, further comprising temporarily storing the carrier in a moisture-barrier package after forming the three dimensional impression in the carrier and before depositing the edible material into the three dimensional impression of the carrier.

43. (New) A method for creating a relief mold, the method comprising:

applying an image using an edible ink composition onto a substantially planar carrier, the image being disproportionate relative to an original version of the image;

forming a three dimensional impression in the carrier to form a non-planar relief mold for a comestible material, such that the three dimensional impression formed in the carrier corresponds to a three dimensional representation of the original version of the image and wherein the image applied to the carrier is in register with the three dimensional representation; and

temporarily storing the carrier in a moisture-barrier package after forming the three dimensional impression in the carrier and before the comestible material contacts the edible ink composition applied to the carrier.

44. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein the relief mold is formed so that the disproportionate image is disposed on an interior surface of the relief mold.
45. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein a boundary of the image applied to the carrier is in register with a boundary of the three dimensional impression formed in the carrier.
46. (New) The method of claim 43, further comprising:
depositing the comestible material into the relief mold to substantially overlie the image;
and
removing the comestible material with the image applied thereto from the relief mold.